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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/001,329

Applicant(s)

SANDBERG ET AL.

Examiner

Angela J. Martin

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 May 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 7-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 7-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/12/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is responsive to the Amendment filed on May 7, 2004. The objections to the Specification and to the claims have been overcome; the 35 USC 112 Rejection has been overcome. However, a second non-final rejection has been entered for the following reasons of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hossain, U.S. Pat. No. 5,595,839.

Rejection of claims 7 and 11 drawn to a method of manufacturing a lithium ion battery comprising providing a plurality of bipolar lithium cells (abstract) with a polymer separator (col. 5, lines 1-3); electrically attaching the anodes to an anode terminal and the cathodes to a cathode terminal (col. 4, lines 27-40); positioning the cells longitudinally within a housing having a front and a backside so as to be parallel to the sides of the housing (Fig. 1); and assembling the anode terminal at one end of the housing and the cathode terminal at the opposite end of the housing to enclose the cells within the housing (Fig. 1).

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Additionally, it teaches the housing is in the configuration of an open rectangular sleeve prior to positioning the cells (Fig. 1).

Thus, the claims are anticipated.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hossain, U.S. Pat. No. 5,595,839, in view of Rouillard et al., U.S. Pat. No. 10/001,329.

Rejection of claims 8-9 drawn to a method of manufacturing a lithium ion battery.

Hossain teaches a method of manufacturing a lithium ion battery as described above.

Hossain does not teach the claim limitations of claims 8-9.

Rouillard et al., teach a method of manufacturing a lithium battery (col. 13, lines 29-42) wherein the electrodes are ultrasonically welded to the respective terminals (col. 5, lines 54-65); wherein the terminals are crimped to the housing, thereby providing a seal (col. 5, lines 40-53).

Thus, it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to insert the teachings of Rouillard et al., into the teachings of Houssain because Rouillard et al., teach the specifics of attaching the terminals to the electrodes and housing.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The Applicant claims a method of manufacturing a lithium ion battery as described in claim 7, further comprising inserting a gas release vent into a port in a one-way valve housing attached to the anode cell terminal.

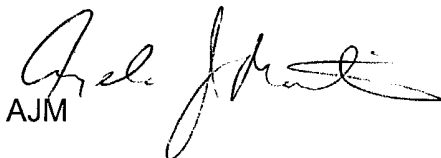
The prior art of record, taken either alone or in combination, does not disclose nor render obvious a method of manufacturing a lithium ion battery comprising inserting a gas release vent into a port in a one-way valve housing attached to the anode cell terminal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela J. Martin whose telephone number is 571-272-1288. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick Ryan can be reached on 571-272-1292. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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